

# Wanderers find it easy

## Wycombe W. 3, Loughborough C. 0

THREE fine goals by Bruce Macrae, Howard Kennedy and Dylan Evans gave Wycombe Wanderers a comfortable victory against the students of Loughborough College at Loakes Park on Thursday evening, in front of a paltry crowd over barely 70 people (writes Stuart Earp).

As always, Loughborough proved a fit side, full of running but their lack of power up front took its toll, while the home midfield men always held the upper hand.

The students began well, spraying passes around nicely and showing just why they are unbeaten this season in college matches. But Wycombes shooting was always superior as Kennedy showed in the 15th minute. With everyone expecting a cross Kennedy fired in a 25 yard drive which flew over goalkeeper Rees and cannoned against the crossbar.

Former Loughborough students Paul Birdseye and Derek Harris — the latter making a rare appearance — both

went close before the Blues opened the account in the 21st minute. After three successive corners, Rees palmed the ball out weakly to the feet of Macrae and the new striker thumped a shot through a crowd of players and into the net. Soon afterwards, Macrae joined the growing Wycombe injury list when he damaged an ankle and had to leave the field. Geoff Anthony followed soon afterwards with a thigh pull.

The second goal came after 40 minutes — and this time, Kennedy was not so unfortunate. A free kick just outside the penalty area was blasted by the Wanderers midfield man but the referee ordered the kick to be re-taken. Kennedy again gave it the treatment and crashed a scorching drive past the defen-

sive wall and into the far corner. A minute later, Kennedy saw another shot cleared off the line by Metcalf.

Wanderers made a couple of half time changes and began to dominate play almost exclusively. In such command, several players tended to over elaborate with passes and became over-confident. A few harsh words from John Delaney seemed to do the trick.

The third and final goal came five minutes before the close. Madeley tried to pass back to his goalkeeper but the ball fell short and Evans nipped in to take control. Rees came out to block his path but Evans took the ball wide and then curled a perfect chip over the line for a fine goal.

**WYCOMBE:** P. Spittle (sub J. Maskell 45 mins), D. Alexander, D. Bullock (sub Delaney 45 mins), K. Mead (sub D. Bullock 75 mins), P. Birdseye, H. Kennedy, T. Reardon, D. Cotterill, B. Macrae (sub D. Evans 31 mins), D. Harris, G. Anthony (sub M. Hollifield 36 mins).

**LOUGHBOROUGH:** Rees, Metcalf, Vass, Ward, Madeley, Wheelton (sub Townsend 72 mins), Batley, Gleadell, Long, Hunt, Smith.

**Referee:** A. Dickens (H. Wycombe).  
**Half time:** 2-0. **Goalscorers,** Wycombe — Macrae (21), Kennedy (40), Evans (85).